



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **San Diego Police Department**

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**Homicide Unit**

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### **POLICE UPDATE ON SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN THE CLAIREMONT MESA EAST COMMUNITY**

On Sunday, January 24, 2016, at 3:30 a.m., San Diego Police Officers and Paramedics responded to a 911 call of an unconscious, non-breathing female at an apartment in the 800 block of Missouri Street. Initially, no external injuries were apparent, but due to the female's poor medical condition she was transported to a local hospital where she was listed in extremely critical condition. At the hospital it was learned the female was suffering from severe trauma to her head and left arm. The female later died of her injuries.

San Diego Police Department Homicide Detectives were called to conduct the follow-up investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed the victim had been battered earlier in the evening of January 23, 2016 at a home in the 3900 block of Mt. Everest.

On Friday, January 24, 2016, an acquaintance of the decedent, 62 year-old David Ashton of San Diego, was arrested in the 3900 block of Mt. Everest. He was later booked into County Jail for one count of murder. Ashton is due to be arraigned in San Diego Superior Court on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

The victim's identity is known, but will not be released until family notifications have been made.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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